

Prairie Land Talk

"Always on The Go"

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A calm August morning. Capital City people out and on the go, busy as bees, rushing hither and yon in cars, the noise of hammers in the hands of workmen building houses for homes of men, women and kids. This going on the go, busy as bees, dated July 3 came to me from Cal Stewart who was over in Europe and at the time was in Germany, the card a picture of a German community where Cal was at the time. What takes a citizen of O'Neill, a native Nebraskan, to European lands? Cal was at the time. What takes late war, had experiences of historic interest and is coming out one of these days with a book recounting these experiences. That is what has taken Editor Cal beyond the seas, and his story is awaited with anticipation as it will no doubt be of unusual interest. At the time he wrote, Cal had been away from his family and Nebraska friends seven weeks.



Romane Saunders

A Federal court in Florida has decided that cigarette smoking caused the lung cancer of one who died from cancer. So if you must smoke get a cob pipe. . . . Thirteen months was the life span of the little fellow down by Franklin, Nebraska. Same old story—hit by an automobile. . . . She writes me from her southern Indiana farm home, a niece of mine who had spent most of her life in Washington, D. C., active in women's clubs. Her man is a corn and bean grower and she concludes that is the hardest way to make a little money that she knows about. Her mother, my sister Grace, was a teacher in the O'Neill and Inman schools before she was a wife and mother. And my niece's dad, L. T. Shanper, served a term in the state legislature as senator in the 1880's and would not take on the job the second time.

In the 1930's Lewie Nissen carried the mail over Star Route 5 from Atkinson to Amelia, stopped at my mail box beside the road at 11 o'clock each forenoon. Today he holes up as I do in our Capital City. He hunted me up recently and we had a visit, he living in the north section of Lincoln and I in the southeast section. Mr. Nissen is a brother of Mrs. Frank Pierce of the Amelia community and drives up there from time to time, having recently spent a few days with the Pierces in their pleasant ranch home to the north of the late Tom Salems and Rhoody Adams town. He tells me there is some prospect of discontinuing the Amelia postoffice, a regrettable thing but maybe advisable owing to changing conditions.

Three from England, three from Germany, two from Scotland, one from Canada, one from Denmark, one from Russia—citizens of the community where I hang up my hat, all now patriotic Americans and my friends and associates.

Editorial

We Salute the 4-H Clubs

Each day the newspaper columns of the nation's press are flavored with items concerning strife and violence throughout the United States. Juvenile delinquency is a subject which consistently rates headlines not only in the newspapers but on radio and television as well. Acts of vandalism are immediately attributed to "juvenile delinquents," although we strongly suspect that many of the perpetrators of these misdeeds are well past the juvenile age.

This week, however, it is our pleasure to print items which are not concerned with the wrongs of the younger generation. As the Holt County fair draws to a close today, Holt county can truly be proud of its younger generation. The members of the Holt county 4-H clubs, their leaders and last but not least, their parents.

A tour of the exhibits on display at the fair can only result in a feeling of pride for the viewer as one passes the many projects which have been started and carried to completion by Holt county's teenagers.

The projects run the gamut from prize winning steers to canned pickles and art work. But each item on display represents hours of work, both by the 4-H member and the 4-H leader.

Anyone who has watched as a youngster leads his calf through the show ring could not doubt that the hours and work have been well worth it. The feeling of pride and accomplishment shows clearly on the face of every youngster there.

If every youngster could be a member of a 4-H club, have definite responsibilities toward a project and have the counseling and encouragement of a 4-H leader, we feel that juvenile delinquency would show a decided drop and the pranks and vandalism done by teenagers who have time on their hands and nothing to do would almost vanish.

Our hats are off to the 4-H members, their leaders and parents. May the 4-H clubs continue to carry on their fine work.

Unicameral's Action Is Sound Rock County Leader

The action Tuesday of the Nebraska legislature in approving without fuss Gov. Brooks proposed constitutional amendment to permit cities to issue revenue bonds to promote new industry is a sound move.

The fact that the legislature did approve the governor's recommendation does not make the issuance of bonds possible. The voters of the state will have a chance to speak their piece in the November general election.

Actually, if the amendment passes, the law will be of a permissive nature, for then the cities will have to vote the bond issues themselves when and if needed.

In this day and age of intense competition for industry by cities both large and small, Nebraska has been at a definite disadvantage because the law would not allow the issuance of revenue bonds.

Other states which have such laws have enjoyed a definite advantage in their ability to attract industry.

Small towns have been at a particular disadvantage in the race for industry, because larger

A bit of state news—Creighton citizens want the world to know that the runway to their airport will glow under lights now at night. . . . Cowboys down about Broken Bow interested in the State Hereford Association plan to tour the Sandhills to have a look at the grass fat White Faces. . . . Sale of Nebraska grown wheat to the Japs will go through if freight rates encourage shipments. . . . The special session of the state legislature adjourned August 9 and by their action we now vote again on a measure defeated at the last election. . . . The news of Nebraska coming over the radio is the direction the wind comes from.

Monday—the clothes are on the line white and clean hung out to dry. Tuesday—the clothes clean and dry wrinkles pressed out on the ironing board—and then we doll up again.

As I recall, John McBride was the first mayor of O'Neill when the pioneer village citizens thought they should have a city. W. D. Mathews, of The Frontier was the defeated candidate for mayor newspaper men hardly fit to hold office some thought, but one gifted newspaper guy, Clyde King, at one time was elected mayor. Ed F. Gallagher, O. F. Biglin, Dr. Gilligan, Carpenter and Builder Davis, Gus Doyle who would rather sit on a horse than on a chair, are a few I recall who served as mayor of O'Neill.

Yes, a bit of verse from time to time If it can be touched with poetic rhyme. The open prairie robed in silken green, The rose, the goldenrod, a touch of color to the scene, The eagle soaring on stately wing, the song of meadow larks, And there on yon distant hill a coyote barks. I see it all again and hear it all— Then back to the human haunts and buildings tall.

The lightning flashed, thunder crashed, a continuous flash and crash and a rain to wet, refresh and cool. Growing things in and about Nebraska's Capital City green and nice, tall stalks of corn, gardens rich in all products and fruit trees with apples, peach and plum. Another season of plenty layed at our feet by nature's bountiful hand.

Kennedy-Nixon. Anyway, it is a delight to see the names of two of our great American patriots making the headlines in the news today instead of those Russian bosses. Another presidential election and we commoners have it given to us to say which of the two exalted citizens will head our nation as president. May the best man win.

The sun shines in golden glory out of the eastern sky this morning. May I have life's sunshine in my soul as I go down the highway another day.

Do You Know Your Neighbor?

"Know Your Neighbor" is not a contest. There are no prizes given for correctly identifying the person pictured. The only reward is the satisfaction of knowing your neighbor.



Last week's mystery man was Ray Eby, owner of Eby's Conoco station.



Here's one we think will stump even the experts.

Frontiers Ago

50 YEARS AGO

Work of installing the sewer system is progressing rapidly. Contractor Donhoe now has about fifty men employed upon the work. . . . R. W. McGinnis was up from Lincoln last Friday, accompanied by B. C. Adams, an electrical engineer of that city, making preliminary arrangements for the construction of his creamery and electrical light plant. . . . Hugh McKenna went down to Neligh Tuesday morning and will drive Speed On in the races there this week. . . . The sand hills and meadows are covered with prairie chickens and the lakes with young ducks and the young hunters are waiting impatiently for September 1st. . . . John P. Johnson, one of the pioneers of southern Holt, died at his home near Francis on July 29.

25 YEARS AGO

At a meeting of the Simonson Post of the American Legion, held on Wednesday evening, Ira H. Moss and J. D. Cronin were elected delegates to the Legion State Convention. . . . Neil Ryan arrived in the city last Saturday from Chicago and will spend a couple of weeks here visiting with his father, J. B. Ryan and with other relatives and friends. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Harden Anspach and child-

ren and Mr. and Mrs. John Anspach visited at the John Conard home at Emmet Sunday evening. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Guy Cole and Mrs. Clara Cole went to Ewing Sunday where the fiftieth anniversary of the Methodist was celebrated. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dishner and Mrs. Max Golden left Wednesday for Omaha.

10 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Morrison marked their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, August 13. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Dale Fetrow spent Sunday in Neligh at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wortman. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Lee Lohaus of Monmouth, Ill. arrived Wednesday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Lohaus and family. . . . The annual achievement day was held on Monday, August 14 at the O'Neill public school and 245 members, leaders and parents attended. . . . Fifty-six Holt county men in the 23-25 age group left O'Neill Wednesday morning, August 18, for Ft. Crook, to take pre-induction physical examinations.

5 YEARS AGO

Three cooperators were selected this week to represent the Holt Soil Conservation district in the Sioux City permanent agriculture program. They are Ben Vonasek of Star, E. F. Weller of Atkinson and the Ramm Brothers of Stuart. . . . The president, executive vice-president and three members of the board of directors of the Chicago & North Western railroad conferred Tuesday with Save-The-Trains association officials at O'Neill. . . . There was activity aplenty at the nearby Holt county fairgrounds Wednesday—entry day—as the gates opened marking the start of the four day 1955 exposition. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Mil-

ler returned Sunday from Denver, Colo., after spending a week vacationing there.

The Long Ago At Chambers

50 YEARS AGO

Charley Burch, William Leil and T. Curran took the election to O'Neill yesterday. . . . The O'Neill Stage is considerably improved by having attractive lettering placed on the cover. . . . Mrs. E. F. Porter and Mrs. E. V. Sageser spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Hiram Hubbard. . . . Purley the cattle buyer is once more driving over the South Holt country and leaving a generous supply of money with the cattle men. . . . C. M. Smith and daughter Nellie came in on the stage yesterday. He is moving his family to Chambers and will live in the Mary Sageser house.

25 YEARS AGO

A family reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Harley in honor of Mrs. Dewey Holcomb and son Ralph of Scottsbluff. . . . Edward Gimes left Sunday for Seward where he is enjoying a free trip to the conservation camp. Edward is the Holt County winner. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cadwell and daughter, Lois of Utica, and Mr. and Mrs. L.R. Tompkins of Inman, were Chambers visitors Saturday. . . . A rubbish fire at the rear of the Smith and Smith grocery store caused some damage to the back wall of the building Thursday morning. . . . About three inches of rain has fallen in the Chambers valley since last Friday evening.

A wit observes: "The 10 percent federal tax on air conditioners in the closest Uncle Sam has yet come to putting a tax on the air we breathe."

Increased consumption of beer and ale in Nebraska last year contributed to making 1959 the busiest year in the history of the brewing industry nationally. Per capita consumption of beer and ale in Nebraska moved up from an average of 15.6 gallons in 1958 to 15.8 gallons, which is above the national level of 15.3. . . . Considering the number of people who don't drink, we wonder just how much brew the average drinker does consume?

Here's a story that has drifted back from guard camp at Camp Ripley. Seems one of the men in the O'Neill group was awakened roughly by his platoon sergeant after the first night in the camp. "It's four-thirty!" roared the sergeant. "Four-thirty!" gasped the recruit. "Man, you'd better get to bed. We've got a big day tomorrow!"

Ewing News

By Mrs. Harold Harris

Guests Thursday at the home of Anna and Theresa Bauer were Mr. Jacob Bauer, his daughter, Mrs. Emmet Connelly and daughter and Collette Bauer all of Spalding and Sister Collette Marie of Grand Island. Mr. and Mrs. John Lamberty of Scribner were callers Monday at the home of Anna and Theresa Bauer. Robert Koenig received his Bachelor of Science degree in Education from the University of Nebraska Friday, July 30. Attend-

ing were Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Koenig, Mr. and Mrs. James Koenig of Ewing, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Rath of Elgin and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Thiele of Clearwater. Cheryl Rae, Jo, Susie and Pam Koenig were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kaczor while their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Koenig attended the graduation exercises in Lincoln. The Ewing Junior Legion baseball team lost Sunday to Ord 10-1, at Ewing with a good crowd in attendance. Pitchers for Ewing were Cronk and Jefferies. Tams was catcher. For Ord, Williams was the pitcher and Fox was catcher.

Bertha Harris was an overnight guest on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Pofahl. Mr. Harold Kline of Norfolk was a guest Sunday afternoon at the John A. Wood home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hurley of Maryland were visitors Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bergstrom. Scouts Camp Out

Boy Scout Troop 181 met Sunday with full packs for their first overnight camp-out at the Pofahl ranch, northwest of Ewing along the Elkhorn River.

They set up camp which included the setting up of a large tent that accommodates the entire troop for sleeping and prepared their supper. The evening hours were spent fishing and a chat around the campfire on scouting. Those attending were Bill and Terry Loquest, Jim and Richard Kropp, Ron, Russell and Randall Tuttle Eddie Rotherham, Teddie Hagemoser, Duane Tinsley and Julian Sojka. Dean Pofahl, scoutmaster, was in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tams sr., were guests Monday evening at the H. R. Harris home. Their daughters Janell and Donna were overnight guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Eacker.

"The EDITOR"

When it comes to organization you'll have a hard time beating the Ag College of the University of Nebraska - and this is proof: On the second floor of the public information building at the aggie campus is one special, one toilet. And on its door is a dial with a large arrow. The dial is divided into three sections, each color-keyed. . . . and you guessed it - one section is marked "men", the other "women" and the third "vacant". You're to move the arrow on the dial when you enter, reset it when leaving.

We have no reports of unusual incidents.

More Americans will die this year from insect stings than from snake bites according to a recent article. Most medical authorities are convinced that severe reaction to the stings are a result of an allergy. The insects that cause most of the reactions are the honeybee and the bumblebee. So far this season we've had several reports of persons who have had a serious reaction after being stung by a bumblebee.

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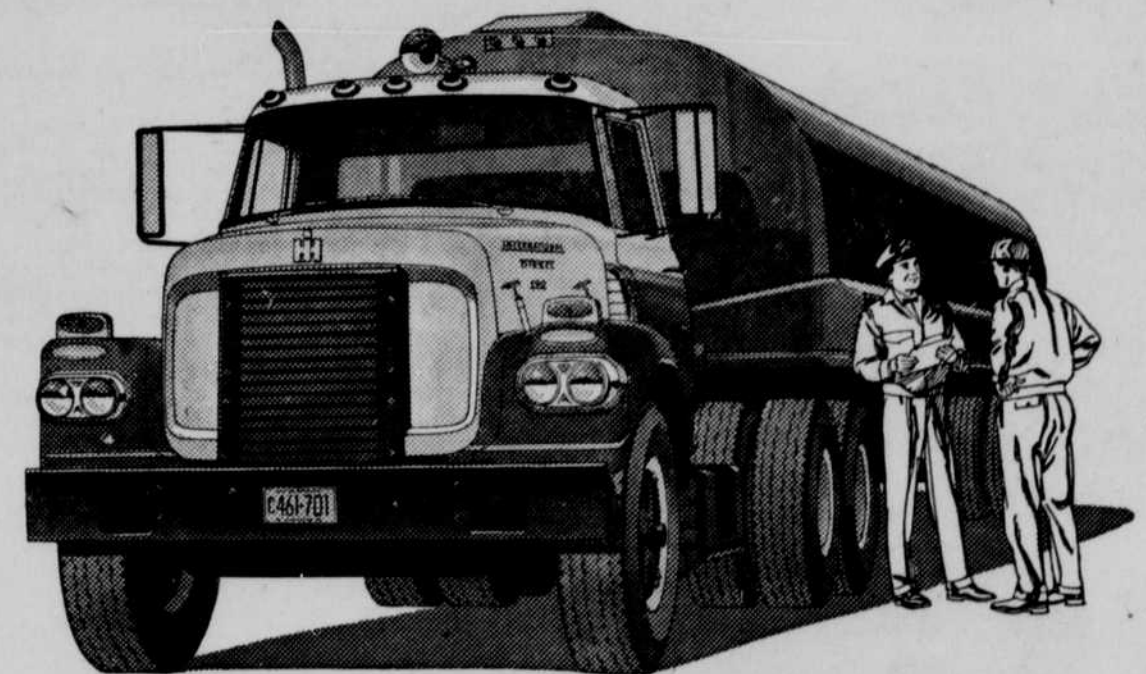


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